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Abstract: A bar code 10 incorporating thermochromic materials in selected modules 20 such that its code changes with temperature. Below a specified temperature, the bar code 10 displays the code as in Fig 3. Above this temperature, the bar code 10 shows a new code as in Fig 2. The bar code 10 is printed with conventional printing equipment (not shown) onto conventional printing media, and is scanned with conventional bar code scanning equipment (not shown).